



# WAP Enhancement and Innovation Listening Sessions

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# Weatherization Innovation Funding Opportunity Listening Sessions

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# Financial Assistance for Innovation

P.L. 116-260 (Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021) directs DOE to provide financial assistance for “WAP Enhancement and Innovation”

- Funds must be provided through a competitive process

Annual Appropriation	Innovation %	Total Innovation Funding
\$225 – 259 million	2%	\$4.5 – 5.2 million
\$260 – 299 million	4%	\$10.4 – 12 million
\$300 million or more	6%	\$18 - \$25 million

2021 Appropriation = \$310 Million

\$310 M x 6% = **\$18.6 Million** for innovation program

# Financial Assistance for Innovation

## Weatherization Program Notice 21-2

**DOE will make \$18.6 million available for innovation in FY2021**

- \$2 million maximum award
- Up to 3-year performance period
- Weatherization Grantees, Subgrantees and other non-profits will be eligible to apply

Also in WPN 21-2:

- \$6.2 million for Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) Grants

# Financial Assistance for Innovation

- A Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will be used for the Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program
  - What is a FOA?
  - Brief description of process
  - [Grants.gov](#)
  - [EERE Funding Opportunity Exchange](#)

# Financial Assistance for Innovation

## Tentative Timeline

- **Fall 2021: Publish FOA**
  - Concept papers tentatively due in October 2021
  - Applications tentatively due in December 2021
- **Early 2022: Announce Award Selections**

# Listening Session Agenda

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You will be asked a series of questions about five potential award categories.

- Assess interest in each of the five categories
- Identify issues and initiatives within each category
- Review and comment on potential award factors
- Open Discussion

# Award Categories

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1. Increase the number of **weatherization-ready** homes
2. Ensure **healthy indoor environments** by enhancing or expanding health and safety measures and resources
3. Promote the deployment of **renewable energy**
4. **Hire and retain** employees from local communities and underrepresented populations
5. **Disseminate new methods** and best practices among entities providing weatherization assistance



# Listening Session

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**Thanks for attending today's Listening Session!**

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# Thank You

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